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The Holy Spirit #8 - The Power Gifts

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We have learned that the Holy Spirit is a Giver of Gifts and the gifts are broken down into three categories; 1) the Revelation gifts 2) the Power gifts and 3) the Utterance gifts. Today we are learning about the Power gifts and how they operate in our lives and what God's will for us learning to walk in them is.

The Power gifts are the gift of faith, working of miracles and gifts of healing.

1 Cor 12:1 "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." KJV

Paul wants the church to have knowledge and be informed of the gifts, because the Holy Spirit is a giver of gifts, coming along aside to be a helper.

1 Cor 12:7-11 "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." KJV

It is the will or plan of God, that everyone that is born again should profit from the gifts provided by the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 14:1 "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." KJV

The Lord wants us to covet or desire the spiritual gifts, in order that we may prophesy. These gifts are not for us to be lifted up, but that we can help others, to edify and build up the church. They are not rooted in selfishness but in the love of God.

What is the gift of faith, working of miracles and the gifts of healing?

Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." KJV

The gift of faith is different from the measure of faith that is received at the time of the new birth. That faith is developed by being taught the Word of God, by being a doer of the Word of God and learning to walk in love.

Eph 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" KJV

The gift of faith is different from saving faith.

The gift of faith stands by itself. It is the kind of faith that we have when facing a difficult situation or receiving bad news, that we know beyond a shadow of doubt that everything is going to be alright, there is a peace of God that comes, we just know that we know and there is no fear.

Acts 27:20 "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away." KJV

Paul received from God, the gift of faith, when faced with the storm, knowing that everything would be fine. It was a hopeless situation that was faced by him and the others on the ship.

The gift of faith normally will put us in a position to receive a miracle or the gifts of healing will operate.

An example was given of Abraham and his receiving of a miracle concerning the sacrificing of his son Isaac, because of his faith in what God had promised him. For God's provision to be manifested outwardly, Abraham had to be at the right place at the right time. God supernaturally provided a ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac. Abraham was so confident in what God had told him regarding Isaac and his future.

Heb 11:17-19 "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." KJV

God's Word cannot be denied, altered or changed. This is where the gift of faith comes from. You are at rest where the situation says there is no hope. God's gives grace in order for you to stand firm in the middle of the challenging situations. These gifts are grace gifts. These gifts are given to us to be used in everyday life, not just to the used in church.

The working of miracles is a divine intervention into the ordinary course of nature,

that alters natural circumstances. A miracle will change natural circumstances; when the sun stood still, when the ax head floated or swam, these were miracles.

We should be expecting things to happen when we come to church, we should be putting a demand on God's Word and on the ministry gifts that God has placed before us. Luke the 6th chapter tells us that the people came to hear and receive. This should be the atmosphere that we as the church are in.

The gifts of healing are being healed without natural help or aid. This type of healing is a miraculous healing. These gifts are what the majority of people in the body of Christ are in need of. The giver of gifts, the Holy Spirit wants to give these gifts to us.

The following scriptures tell us how Peter and Paul were able to minister to the people with all the gifts working together. Many different ways of operating in the gifts were witnessed, aprons laid on the sick, the shadow of Peter passing by or using the name of Jesus.

Acts 19:11-12 "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." KJV

Acts 5:12-16 "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." KJV

Acts 3:4-6 "And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." KJV

These gifts are for the church today as they were for the early church. The book of Acts gives in detail the working of the Holy Spirit and how it is His desire that the church of today should be ministering this same way.

John 14:16-18 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." KJV

Jesus was telling them about the Holy Spirit, who would replace Him when He left. Welcome the Holy Spirit into your lives. What is holding you back?

Message in tongues with an interpretation given was given:

Father, we worship you and Father we see the veil being pulled back and Father in one measure we see you as in Luke, You wept over the city. Because they didn't know their time, they didn't understand their time, you didn't weep because they were in sin, you wept because they didn't understand or know their time. The Spirit of God is saying to the church today, now is the time, the time is now, my time is now, my servant has ministered to you the Word of God. for you to flow in your time now, you will need the Giver of Gifts to enable you to function and flow and it will be as natural to you as it is to water to the fish or the fish to water, it will be a natural thing, just to flow with the Holy Ghost flow.

There are many right on the verge, that want to, the desire but yet they don't have the faith to step into the waters, to step out where the Lord is leading us to go, have you not read in My Word, the river that flowed from the throne of God that Ezekiel described it was waters ankle deep and then it was waters knee deep and then it was waters even to the waist and into the chest and then you said it was waters to swim in, so step out into the flow, step out into the flow saith the Lord, for I have waters for you to swim in, there is My presence, will be the thick presence of God, it will be glorious saith the Lord and you will be so glad that you said yes to the call of the Spirit of God.

There are many saying I am not prepared, I am not educated, I am not qualified but the Spirit of God would say to you today, education is important, but the priority in the season that we are in now, is for you to focus totally on Me saith the Lord and get the presence of God on your life and I will use you not according to your ability but I will use you beyond your ability and you will see the gifts of the Spirit, of signs and wonders flow through you saith the Lord God.